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- F-6 1. Oleg Yadoff (aka Iadoff), a former Nazi collaborator in France now suspected of unofficial Soviet connections, is reported to be residing at 934 Fifth Avenue, New York 21, New York, with the title of General Delegate in the United States of the Association des Ingenieurs-Docteurs de France (Association of Doctors of Engineering of France).
2. At the outbreak of world war II, Yadoff was allegedly attached to the Air Ministry where he worked with a Professor Villet. After the occupation of France by the Germans, subject invented a fluorescent paint which reflected light in a special manner and which he supplied to the Wehrmacht in great quantities through a neutral firm. After the liberation, he became very friendly with Allied personalities in Paris. Subject's wife is reported to have stated that her husband had been associated with the French Intelligence Service and for this reason was asked to resign from his post of President of the Association of white Russian Engineers in Paris. 25X1X6
3. In 1935, Yadoff reportedly began selling university degrees to white Russians and Frenchmen in Paris, using his contacts in the Faculte des Sciences of the Sorbonne. The number of engineers alleged to have been "graduated" in this manner is estimated at approximately fifty or sixty. The "Yadoff degrees" were discussed at the time, but no scandal was ever created although the case was well known. [redacted] there are at least three persons in Santiago, Chile, who obtained their degrees through the services of Yadoff, and four others with similar degrees are now residing in Buenos Aires. Subject had also approached several white Russians, offering his services for quick naturalization as French citizens. 25X1X6
- C-3 4. [redacted] although there is much derogatory information on Yadoff, there is no case against him. He is believed to have played a double game with the Nazis, and the possibility exists that he may be engaged in the same type of activity with the Soviets. 25X1X6
5. [redacted] early in the occupation, Yadoff went to see a certain German, Doctor Vildocher, in order to have a French professor named Cotton released by the Germans. From this time on, Yadoff was often in

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contact with the Germans. According to his explanation, he did this in order to render service to fellow Frenchmen.

6. In letters written to important German officials he is quoted as saying: "...we regain our courage to work after Petain's answer to the Fuehrer and the clear statement made by Laval"; "...my director (De Broglie) made an effort to form a sole group of French engineers in order to create close, cordial collaboration with German engineers"; "If necessary I am ready to turn over (to the Germans) three engineers in exchange for a certain Bechade"; "I can say that until now I have recruited a good number of engineers and technicians who left for Germany and were of service." Yadoff dismisses these letters as inventions and trickery. 25X1X6
7. [REDACTED] having collaborated in 1941 with three German scientists in the perfection of fluorescent paint. He is listed in the police Renseignements Generaux files as a collaborator, and in the Police Judiciare files as having sold the fluorescent paint which he had invented to the Germans. He has never been accused by, or brought up before, the French courts on charges of collaboration, in spite of the evidence.
8. Yadoff is now reported to have some contact with the Soviets in an unofficial capacity. Although this contact is not direct, a number of pro-Soviet Russian engineers have felt him out in an attempt to bring him around to their way of thinking. There was no tangible result, but it is believed that Yadoff is connected with pro-Soviet elements in the Union General des Ingenieurs Diplomes en France. The members of this group believe that in the event of war between the United States and the Soviet Union, Yadoff will join with them.
9. Yadoff was born in Rostov/Don, Russia on 14 June 1902. He was married in Paris on 23 June 1933 to Sophie Ovsianiko-Koulikovsky, born in Bochtes, Russia, on 22 June 1915. They have one daughter, born in Paris on 6 July 1935.

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